



## *A Note from the Principal*

Parents,

I can't believe how time flies. We are in November. This month we have many exciting things going on. Please make sure you are scheduled to meet with your child's teacher. To reach our academic goals as a building it involves a partnership with you. You should walk away from the meeting knowing where your child is performing currently and how his/her teacher is going to work to move them to the next level. You should also know where your child performed on their MAP assessments and what their stretch goals are. Please see the attached suggested questions from the parent ambassador.

Please come out for our parent internet safety meeting on November 7 from 6-7 in the cafeteria. This event will be for parents only. Students will receive a presentation during the school day in grades 5-8.

We will have a parent meeting for the Heartland Camp field trip for parents of 3rd and 5th graders on November 18th from 6-7 in the library.

Sorry for the delay on our cookie dough. The company says it is taking longer than usual. However, our delivery date is Nov. 7th. Please come in the afternoon to pick up the cookie dough. We apologize for the inconvenience.

As we want to model the expectation of service, we will have a canned food drive beginning on November 4th through November 22nd. Each homeroom will have a box. The winning homeroom will receive a pizza party!!

Please come out for Muffins with Mitchell on November 12th at 9:30 in the library. A friendly reminder that there is no school on Nov. 5th, or November 25-29th. We have an early release day on November 13th.

### Vision Statement

Impacting the future through strong leadership that supports accountability, pride, and respectful, transparent communication to produce a continuous expectation of excellence for all stakeholders.

### Mission Statement

Berwick is a place where excellent students are rooted in a tradition of family and community. Berwick students are:

Challenged through high-quality, data-informed, innovative lessons designed to meet student needs;

Encouraged to explore, to be flexible, and to be independent; and

Empowered to be collaborators, creators, communicators, and critical thinkers.

### Motto

We Learn. We Achieve. We Lead.

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# Students \*OCTOBER\* MONTH

Each month this section will be dedicated to our "PAWS"itive student leaders. These are students that are proactive, accountable, willing to help others and safe with words and actions.

Alonzo Anderson	Julius Jenkins	Dionne Scott
Amir Bowles	Donovan Kyles	Juliani Stuart
Mia Bufka	Madison Lemay Scarberry	Samaj Tarpley
Freedom Cleveland	Eliy Lane	Donovan Tucker
Naomi Custon	Karlos Mattox	Josiah Weatherspoon
Janaiah Fields	Reigh Miller	Hannah Wellman
TyLynn Finch	Zion Randall	Kalia Whitten
Travis Ford	Erykah Robertson	MiKaela Wilkins
Chase Hodge	Cheyenne Sampsel	Morgan Williams



Hello All! It is hard to believe but we are already a fourth of the way into the school year. As students are settling in and grades are being sent home, we may see a rise in social emotional concerns with our students. I will be continuing to provide social emotional support to students through weekly check-ins, walk-ins, or as needed conversations. I meet with students individually and in a group setting. During these check-ins, the students and I are creating short-term and long-term goals for their future. Somethings that I am currently meeting with students for are building coping skills, conflict resolution, managing stress and anxiety, coping with grief and loss, and building resilience. If you are noticing changes and would like your child to meet with me please call the school at 614-365-6140 and ask to talk with the school social worker Ms. Courtney Birkhimer.

We are getting closer to our attendance goal! For the month of October our overall attendance percentage was 93.8%, our goal is 96%. As the weather gets colder and the holidays are approaching, please make sure that the students are attending school every day and are on time. If students are sick or have doctor's appointments, please continue to send in notes and make phone calls to the Secretaries so that we are able to accurately mark your student's attendance. In the month of October, Pre-School continues to have the leading percentage of 95.4%.

As the weather is changing, we want to make sure the students are well prepared! Mrs. Holbert and I have organized the school closet, we have a few new and gently used uniform pants and shirts. We also have new hats, gloves, and coats ranging from size 6X through 16. We also have other resources in the community, please call for more information about clothing, food, and housing. If you are interested please call the school at 614-365-6140 and ask to talk to Mrs. Holbert or Ms. Courtney.

Events: Fri, November 29, 2019 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM EST

Come join the Capital Kids Enrichment Program for a FREE FAMILY FUN evening at COSI. Admission is free to all the basic games and exhibits on the premises. You will see Mascots and public figures mingling amongst the crowd and you might even see some city dignitaries. You can make a reservation to bring up to four persons ONLY. There are a limited number of tickets available so it is best to reserve immediately.



## Parent/Teacher Conference: A Tip Sheet for Parents

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You and your child's school have something in common: You both want your child to learn and to do well. When parents and teachers talk with each other, each person can share important information that supports your child's talents and needs. Each person can also learn something new about how to help your child. Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to start an ongoing conversation with your child's teachers. This tip sheet suggests ways that you can make the most of parent-teacher conferences so that everyone wins, especially your child.

### Questions to ask for students in all grades:

- Is my child performing at grade level?

What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in reading, math and science?

- How much time should my child spend on homework?

- Are my child's assignments completed accurately?

- Does the school have extra programs to meet my child's needs?

- Do you keep a folder of my child's work? If yes, could you review it with me?

- Does my child have any close friends? How well does my child get along with the other students?

- What can we do at home to support classroom learning?

- What is the best way to keep in touch with you?

### What should you expect?

» A two way conversation. Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk and listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school: Ask to see data about your child's attendance, grades, and test scores. Find out whether your child is meeting school expectations and academic standards. This is also a time for the teacher to learn about what your child is like at home. When you tell the teacher about your child's skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can better support your child in the classroom.

» Emphasis on learning. Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school. They also talk about how your child can do even better. To get ready for the conversation, look at your child's homework, tests, and notes from your child's teacher before the conference. Be sure to bring a list of questions that you would like to ask the teacher.

» Opportunities and challenges. Just like you, teachers want your child to succeed. You will probably hear positive feedback about your child's progress and areas for improvement. Be prepared by thinking about your child's strengths and challenges beforehand. Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can work together to help your child with some of his or her challenges.



*Mrs. Hale and Ms. Doherty*

Hello Berwick Families—

This November we will be celebrating College, Career and Service Month here at Berwick.

Students will hear college or career fun facts on the morning announcements and there will be classroom activities for students to participate in.

I will also be visiting classrooms to share the various career pathways that our two career centers offer in high school. There are some amazing opportunities for students at both Fort Hayes Career Center and the Downtown High School!

College and Career month is a great time to talk about your students about their future plans!



### **Elementary Counseling:**

In elementary counseling over the last month we have focused on appropriate ways to respond and react to conflict. In grades 1-3 we learned the "De-Bug System" and steps we can take to be our own problem solvers! In 4th and 5th we discussed four different categories of bullying and reviewed a variety of scenarios to test our knowledge. As for Kindergarten, we read a book about bucket filling and talked about kind deeds to fill up other people's buckets. Please ask your student about what they learned this month! In November we will be focusing on college, career, and service opportunities and experiences.



Dear Parents and Students,

As Thanksgiving approaches we pause to think about all we are thankful for. We are thankful to work with the wonderful students and staff here at Berwick and we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

November will be a busy month in the school nurse's office. We have begun the health screenings including vision, hearing, height, weight and dental screenings for the required grades. A letter will be sent home if your child needs a follow-up with the doctor.

NOVEMBER 18th from 9am-11am Columbus Public Health will be onsite to provide Flu Shots to students who have previously consented. Reminders have gone home to these families, if you have any questions please contact the school nurse.

## Important Dates for Berwick Alternative Pre K-8

### **BERWICK ALTERNATIVE PRE -K-8**

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CREATIVITY STARTS  
HERE!

### OUR MOTTO:

WE LEARN.  
WE ACHIEVE.  
WE LEAD.

11-2	Mastery Academy 9-11am
11-4	Parent Teacher Conference 4-7:30pm
11-5	No School Professional Development Day
11-6	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
11-7	Girl Scouts
11-9	Mastery Academy 9-11am
11-12	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
11-13	Early Release Day
11-16	Mastery Academy 9-11am
11-21	Girl Scouts
11-23	Mastery Academy 9-11am
11-27-12-1	Thanksgiving Break
12-3	Winter Concert K-3 at 6:30pm
12-5	Girl Scouts
12-7	Mastery Academy 9-11am
12-10	Muffins with Mitchell
12-10	Literacy Night 6-7
12-11	Early Release
12-11	Winter Concert 4th and 5th at 6:30pm
12-14	Mastery Academy 9-11am
12-14	Literacy Day at Barnes and Noble in Pickerington 10-3
12-18	Winter Concert Middle School
12-19	Girl Scouts
12-23-1-6	Winter Break
1-8	Early Release
1-9	Girl Scouts
1-11	Mastery Academy 9-11am
1-15	No School Records Day
1-20	No School Martin Luther King's Day
1-23	Girl Scouts
1-25	Mastery Academy 9-11am
1-28	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
1-29	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
2-1	Mastery Academy 9-11am
2-5	Girl Scouts
2-8	Mastery Academy 9-11 am
2-11	Muffins with Mitchell
2-12	Early Release
2-17	No School President's Day
2-20	Girl Scouts
2-22	Mastery Academy
2-25	Popcorn kick off
2-29	Mastery Academy 9-11am
3-5	Girl Scouts
3-7	Mastery Academy 9-11am
3-11	Early Release
3-14	Mastery Academy 9-11am
3-19	Girl Scouts
3-19	Muffins with Mitchell
3-21	Mastery Academy 9-11am
3-25	Records Day
3-28	Mastery Academy 9-11am
4-2	Girl Scouts
4-4	Mastery Academy 9-11am
4-7	1st and 5th grade Heartland Camp
4-7	Middle School Instrumental at 7:30
4-8	3rd grade Heartland Camp
4-11	Mastery Academy 9-11am
4-10-4-17	Spring Break
4-23	Girl Scouts
5-7	Girl Scouts
5-12	Muffins with Mitchell
5-21	Girl Scouts

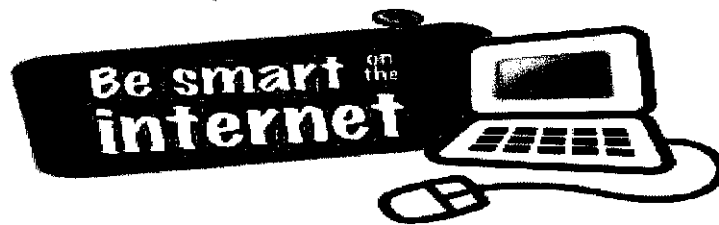
Information that every parent NEEDS to know



Parent Meeting  
November 7, 2019  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Presentation by:  
**Franklin County Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force**

This meeting is to educate parents on how to protect children in this evolving world of technology.  
Also, how parents can help children to make smart and safe decisions.



**ADULTS ONLY EVENT**

For more information call Mrs. Holbert 614-365-6140 or email me at [lholbert@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:lholbert@columbus.k12.oh.us)